BLOOD POISONING FEARED.

The Emperor's Physicians Alarmed by the Tracheal Abscess.

STILL SUFFERING WITH FEVER.

A Strict Injunction on Russian Newspapers to Speak Respectfully of the Prospective Emperor William—Foreign News.

Hoping Against Hope.

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BERLIN, April 18.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to the BEE.]—The royal invalid's day has been uneventful. He slept, says the bulletin "fairly quietly." His sleep was, says the semi-official newspaper, "tolerably good." His temperature, said the nine surgeons, was 102 Fahrenheit. He passed an hour with Prince Bismarck who, as he drove up, was received with a slight coolness. The emperor twice showed himself at the window and once with the empress and both were vociferously cheered by the crowd who would as heartily cheer the crown Prince should he become an emperor, in a week. While the morning bulletin was hopeful, the evening one was suggestive of calamity.

At midnight as I close even Sir Morell Mackenzie hints at pyæmia, while other medical associates boldly declare that the blood poisoning from abscess—which killed President Garfield—has begun to take effect in the German emperor from the undoubted tracheal abscess. The question is, can he have vitality enough to resist it? Berliners, therefore, retired to bed much depressed at this latest intelligence from the castle.

[Press.]—The improvement in the condition of the emperor continued yesterday evening, although his fever increased a little. He had a tolerably good night. A Consultation held by physicians this morning showed the emperor's condition to be less satisfactory than it was yesterday morning, but better than last evening. Feverish symptoms were indicated. Physicians have again sounded the emperor's lungs and found that they were not affected. This strengthens the opinion that an abcess has formed in the tracea. The emperor appeared at the windows of Charlottenburg castle at 12:45 and was enthusiastically greeted by the crowds assembled.

The emperor slept this afternoon for about two hours, arising at 5 o'clock, when he walked to his study and went with the empress to the window. His appearance was the signal for an outburst of enthusiastic cheering by the crowd outside. After he left the window his fever was greatly increased. Dr. Mackenzie fears pyæmia. A general consultation of doctors and lung specialists will be held to-morrow. Extraordinary precautions have been taken to insure the utmost stillness in the neighborhood of the castle in order that the emperor's repose may not be disturbed.

The tube in the emperor's throat was skill fully changed by Dr. Hovell without assistance. The new tube gave the emperor much relief. He bears his illness admirably, and in spite of all takes the greatest interest in state affairs.

PARIS, April 18.—Gaulais says at the request of Empress Victoria the French doctors Pean and Faunel and the English Dr. Evans will proceed to Charlottenburg to examine the emperor.

RUSSIA'S MODERATION.

The Government Organs Warned Against Maligning Prince William.

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ST. PETERSBURG, April 18.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to the BEE.]—Further serious news of the condition of Emperor Frederick has reached here but has not yet been published. The Russian court besides, has information upon which it considers his reported hopeless state to be without doubt.

A curious injunction has just been issued to all organs of the Russian press enjoining them, under pain of severe punishment, not to publish one word in disparagement of Crown Prince William. During the recent crisis in Berlin Russian newspapers have indiscriminately asperced the German crown prince, Empress Victoria and Prince Bismarck. They have even gone to such lengths of absurdity in their abuse of the English influence at Berlin that the empress' charitable journey into Pezen has been attributed to her pro-Polish proclivities inherited from England. Now that the government is certain of a fatal issue to the emperor's illness, it takes this opportunity of forewarning the press against maligning the next German monarch. Another example of its caution is its timely support of Prince Bismarck on the Battenburg question, it being considered certain that the chancellor will soon become more powerful than ever.

Goschen Defends the Budget.

LONDON, April 18.—[Special Cablegram to the BEE.]—Goschen, the chancellor of the exchequer, made an address to-night at Croyden, which was mainly devoted to a defense of the budget. He criticised the action of the opposition, which, he said, had been instigated by Mr. Parnell. When the opposition found that, contrary to their expectation, the ministers, though given ample rope, had not hanged themselves, they decided that they must give it a pull themselves. Scorningly they began to oppose the budget, and the county government bill which they in the first place had hailed as a liberal measure. He credited Mr. Gladstone with a desire to have parliament rise in its former dignity, but said that Gladstone was overruled by his co-partner, Parnell.

Hartington Expresses His Views.

LONDON, April 18.—[Special Cablegram to the BEE.]—Freedom of the city was presented to Lord Hartington to-day. After the presentation a banquet was was given at the Mansion house. Lord Hartington, recounting the arguments against Gladstone's policy, said he was unable to predict the result of the Irish struggle, but he was confident that the problem would not be solved by the compromise of 1886. Ireland could not be dealt with as a colony. The decision rested with the democracy. If they were weak and weary of the struggle, Ireland might obtain independence. If they were strong and had the spirit of their kinsmen across the Atlantic, they would not permit Ireland to be separated. In order that the issue might be carried to a successful issue the unionists must not flinch, as there was still much work to do. The government had wisely shown that they did not fear the widest extension of local government.

The Russian Capital.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 18.—[Special Cablegram to the BEE.]—Court goes to Gatschin a week hence, returning for Russian Easter on the 6th of May.

The czar has approved the council's resolution giving to Count Folstol, minister of the interior, authority to use his own discretion as regards the depriving of the Lutheran clergy of the Baltic provinces of their benefices.

The pope, owing to the protests of the Catholic Poles, has ceased to negotiate for the establishment of an exécute with Russia.

In the Reichsrath.

VIENNA, April 18.—[Special Cablegram to the BEE.]—The Budget was debated in the Reichsrath to-day. Dr. Dunajewski, minister of finance, stated that the financial situation was improving and that the commercial depression was lessening. There was, he said, a visible increase in the deposits in savings banks and in railway receipt. The consumption of beer had also increased, thus adding to the revenues. The ministry intended to make no alterations in the Budget and was confident of the continued support of the majority of the members of the Reichsrath. The doctor said that Austria's foreign policy was the same as it had been during the past 9 years. Austria's influence already was gaining in strength and her alliances were satisfactory.

An Ovation By Students.

DUBLIN, April 18.—[Special Cablegram to the BEE.]—The nationalist students of Dublin to-day presented Mr. William O'Brien with an address. In replying Mr. O'Brien said it was curious that an address which had been prepared to celebrate his release from prison marked his return to prison. Placards have been posted throughout Loughrea calling upon the people to assemble in thousands on Thursday to greet Messrs. O'Brien, Healy and Redmond. The police are apathetic.

Joseph Didn't Go Around Much.

LONDON, April 18.—Joseph Chamberlain spoke to-night at the Birmingham radical union. He had found very few persons in America who approved of Gladstone's policy. If the American democracy had to deal with the Irish question they would make short work of the monstrous pretentions of the national league, and they would not allow the sacred name of liberty to be prostituted to the purposes of anarchy and crime.

Lady Brassey's Will.

LONDON, April 18.—[Special Cablegram to the BEE.] — The late Lady Brassey bequeathed all of her books, pictures and collections to her son as heirlooms.

Editors Bounced.

BERLIN, April 18.—The bundesrath to-day voted to expel from the country Bernstein, editor of Gothelar, the publisher and two subeditors of the Social Democrat.

A Reform for Sisters.

LONDON, April 18.—In the commons a motion for the passage of a bill to legalize marriage with the deceased wife's sister was carried by a vote of 239 to 182.

MOSE FRALEY FAILS.

The St. Louis Speculator Caught Short on Corn and Wheat.

ST. LOUIS, April 18.—Mose Fraley, a leading speculator in St. Louis grain markets, announced his inability to meet further margins and is now on the floor settling his deals. Last night he stated to a friend that he put up $560,000 in cash and would be unable to put up any more. Checks given yesterday after banking hours failed to pass the clearing house, but to-day Fraley said funds were forthcoming to take them up. He has been a leading bear of the market for the past year and is short in large quantities of all grains. The failure is for more than half a million. Fraley says he will pay dollar for dollar.

There was quite a flurry on change this morning when it was announced that Mose Fraley, one of the largest dealers in grain on the floor, was endeavoring to make a settlement. It was learned that he was short about two million bushels of May corn in St. Louis and two and a half million short in Chicago, and three million and a half short on July wheat in Chicago and St. Louis.

Farley succeeded in closing out his deals by noon. He said they had pinched him pretty hard, and for the past five months had got him for over half a million. Farley has been estimated before this to be worth about three-quarters of a million.

A meeting of Fraley and his creditors was held this afternoon, at which, after a good deal of talk, terms of settlement were agreed upon.

THE ALBANY LOBBY.

Nellie Bly's Story Being Investigated By the Judiciary Committee.

ALBANY, April 18.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The assembly committee on judiciary was engaged today in investigating the series of charges published in the New York World to the effect that there is a corrupt lobby at the capitol headed by Edward Phelps. Miss Pink Cockrane, the female correspondent of the World, who over the signature of "Nellie Bly" gave publicity to the story, went on the stand and testified that Phelps told her he could get six of the members of the committee on cities for $1,000 and that he could get other committees cheaper. She rehearsed the story in detail as she had already given it to her paper. Edward Phelps, the accused, testified he had spent most of his time in this city during the legislative session for the past twenty years looking after bills in which he was interested. He denied the charges that he tried to influence the votes of certain members and said he did not have any such conversation with "Nellie Bly" as she alleged. On the other hand she wanted to pay him $1,000 for having killed the patent medicine bill. He declined the money saying he had done nothing to that end, but she insisted and he agreed to take $250.

NELLIE'S UNBORN BABE.

Fizzle of Her Attempt to Prove Its Maternity.

DULUTH, Minn., April 18.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Nellie King, better known thoughout the west and northwest as the "Cowboy Detective," owing to her pranks committed here last season, has again come to the surface in the peculiar and original manner for which she is notorious. It may be remembered that after her escapade as the "Cowboy Detective" out west she came to Duluth, where she had a married sister, and here she remained in comparative quiet for a time, but Duluth was altogether too slow for this rapid young lady, and she went back to St. Paul, carrying with here a healthy young infant whose paternity was shrouded in doubt. Miss King, of course, couldn't be its mother, for she was not married, but she claimed to be, and some little time ago she visited the parents of her former lover in St. Paul, showed them the baby, and endeavored to make them believe they were grandparents. The truth came out, however, that the child had been obtained at a home in this city and the eccentric virgin has again sunk into momentary oblivion.

KILLED THE MURDERERS.

How a West Virginian Avenged the Slaying of His Family.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., April 18.—A report has reached here that a man in Calhoun county, who was away selling cattle, on returning home late Wednesday night in company with a peddler, discovered a light in the window, and when he looked in saw his wife and his three children lying dead on the floor. He also saw four men in the room. The peddler drew his revolver and was told to make a noise at the back of the house. The men inside rushed out and three of them were killed outright, the fourth being badly wounded. It is impossible at present to verify the story, but the man who brought it is considered reliable.

Got Twelve Years.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 18.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Charles B. Wells pleaded guilty this afternoon to breaking into the house of Edward M. Weier and stealing a large amount of money and clothing. He was sentenced to twelve years in the penitentiary by Judge White.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSION.

A Two Days' Session at the First Baptist Church.

The seventeenth anniversary of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary society of the west is in session at the First Baptist church, Fifteenth and Davenport streets, and will continue through to-day. The programme yesterday morning consisted of an address of welcome delivered by Mrs. F. W. Foster, the hearing of reports, music and the reading of a paper, "Unused Gifts," by Aunt Lizzie Aiken, of Chicago. In the afternoon, after the opening exercises, Mrs. Galusha Anderson read an interesting and instructive paper on "Willing and Giving." The devotional hour was led by Mrs. H. L. C. Vaughn.

In the evening the house was crowded to its utmost capacity, and a number of chairs were brought in to furnish accommodation for the auditors. Young ladies acted as ushers. The pulpit was tastily decorated with flowers, while suspended from the choristers' gallery above it was the beautiful silk banner presented by young ladies of Aurora, Neb., who are interested in the mission. To the right and left of this there were respectively a cross and anchor constructed of flowers. After the invocation and other opening exercises, the Rev. A. W. Lamar delivered the words of welcome. He spoke at some length of the good accomplished by the society, and gave to the noble lady workers the loftiest of tributes. The address of the evening was given by Rev. C. C. Lorimer, D. D., of Chicago, on the subject "Winged Women, or the Paramount Force in the World's Evangelism." He took for his text Zachariah 5:9: "Then lifted I up mine eyes and looked, and behold there came out two women, and the wind was in their wings, for they had wings like the wings of a stork: and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and heaven." The reverend gentlemen first spoke of the two antithetic females spoken of in the apocalypse. The first, the representative of purity, clad in white, her face like the sun, the moon beneath her feet and twelve stars upon her brow. The other, the harlot, was attired in scarlet, was adorned with metricious and cheap ornaments, and though she grew into the great city of Babylon, her career was brief. Thus, ever in life, virtore is its own crowning glory, while the glitter of lawless abides but for the moment. Wings signify something aspiring. Men are more ambitious than women. Though woman possesses many fine attributes she lacks aspiration, and as a consequence she never has achieved what man has. No woman ever yet has had the breadth of poetic imagination of Shakespeare, or Milton. But woman's sphere has ever been that of guardian of the morals and religion of the family, and her mission is thus the nobler. The stork, the harbinger of good fortune, is a migratory bird, and no matter how fierce the blast he has to oppose, he struggles onward. So any great enterprise in which the champions are bearers of good tidings there must first be struggles, self sacrifice and perseverance. In their christian work the good women are apt to overlook the numerous shop girls and other young women who are needing but a kind word to keep them from destruction. They wait until the girls are ruined and then attempt to erect reformatories to bring them back from the gates of hell. Most men invest their wives with an ideality that makes them seem better than ohey really are. This is a grand thing, for as long as a man thus regards his wife, she holds over him u great power for good.

The meetings continue again to-day, there being a morning, afternoon and evening session, the last named terminating the anniversary.

AMUSEMENTS.

The Vice Admiral By the Conried Company at the Grand.

Conried's opera company appeared at the Grand opera house last night in Millocker's "Vice Admiral." The piece is new in this city, being sung here for the first time. There is in several of its concerted pieces a suggestion of other airs not the work of this composer, which, however, are not for this reason less worthy of appreciation. The solos are few and none of them are stamped with exceeding brilliancy or beauty, those qualifications being monopolized by the heavier parts. In choruses the opera is particularly rich and in every one of these, particularly that of the sailors in the last act, which was intensified by excellent stage movements, the company scored a great success. Miss Biauchi, the leading soprano, has a rich and musical voice which, however, in a cauple of instances, seemed taxed to the uttermost where is displayed evidence of overwork. She sang with intelligence and acted Gilda with success. Miss Lydia O'Neill as Serafina sang with spirit and confidence, displaying a strong flexible soprano. Miss Doenhoff as Sybillina received several encores. The ballet, if such it may be called, was particularly attractive and was a pleasant feature of the performance. The costumes were numerous and multiferous and the setting of the piece very fine.

ENDED IN CONVICTION.

Kubovec's Rescuers Found Guilty of Resisting an Officer.

The longest case in the police court for a good many months was that of the three Bohemians who were arrested last Sunday evening for resisting Officer Foley on South Thirteenth street. The case commenced at 3 p. m., and by the time the jury had rendered their verdict it was nearly 11 o'clock. Last Sunday evening when Officer Foley attempted to arrest a baker named Frank Kubovec, a number of other Bohemians quickly gathered and attempted to interfere with the officer. The leaders in this movement were identified by Foley as B. Grubeck and G. Euglethaler, who seized the officer by the arm and attempted to draw him away. A big crowd gathered about the scene and a chorus of yells went up that was perfectly deafening. The officer sounded the alarm for a riot and a number of officers were dispatched to the scene, who with the greatest difficulty managed to disperse the crowd. The ringleaders were arrested and taken to the central station. The trial last evening ended with a conviction and Judge Berka imposed on them the rather light fine of $5 and costs.

MATRIMONIAL.

CONNOR—MAY.

James H. Connor, chief clerk to the general foreman of the Union Pacific shops, was yesterday married to Miss Kittie May. The ceremony occurred at St. Peter's church at 8 o'clock, the pastor officiating. In the evening a grand reception was given the newly-wedded couple at the home of the bride's brother-in-law, Mr. John Byrne, 2616 Davenport street. A large number of invited guests were present and showered well wishes and handsome gifts upon the bride and groom. Elegant refreshments were served and the evening was delightfully passed with dancing and instrumental and vocal music, under the direction of Mr. James H. Shields as master of ceremonies.

Last Night's Fire.

Fire last night destroyed a barn owned by a man by the name of Sanherholm, on Twenteth street between Paul and Clark streets, and damaged a shed owned by Jeim A. Logan. The respective losses were $200 and $100.

Officer Cullen's Wife Dying

The friends of Officer Cullen will be sorry to learn that his wife is dying with consumption and the end is hourly expected.

A Small Burglary.

Some time last evening thieves entered the room of Charley Simpson, near the corner of Ninth and Capitol avenue, and breaking open his trunk, took a $5 bill, a $40 note and a pair of pantaloons.

Weather Indications.

For Nebraska: Warmer, generally fair weather, fresh to brisk winds becoming easterly.

For Iowa: Threatening weather with light local rains, slowly rising temperature, fresh to brisk winds becoming easterly.

Those who take Dr. Jones' Red Clover Tonic never have dyspepsia, costiveness, bad breath, piles, pimples, ague and malaria, poor appetite, low spirits, headache or kidney troubles. Price 50 cents.

OH, WHY DID THEY GO AWAY.

Minneapolis Treats Omaha to a Complete Shut Out.

TWO OMAHA MEN TOUCH THIRD.

The Flour City Fiends Hit Cassian Over the Topmost Turrets of Their Highest Elevators—Other Sporting Events.

Minneapolis 6, Omaha 0.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 18.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The game to-day between Omaha and Minneapolis resulted in a shutout for the Omaha boys, probably no less to the surprise of any one than the Minneapolis players themselves. But the Omaha boys couldn't find young Klopf's curves and he had them completely at his mercy. Cassian occupied the box for Omaha and was hit freely throughout the game, besides receiving very loose support.

Minneapolis went first to bat and Kreig hit a grounder to Doran, which the latter fumbled and the runner reached first base. Kreig took second on a bad throw by Wilson and third on Hawes' safe hit. McCullom hit to Burns, who dropped the ball, and the bases were full. Palton then raised the ball over the right field fence for a "homer," while the 2,000 people present yelled with joy. The next three batsmen were quickly retired, however, and from this time until the sixth inning but two Minneapolis players reached first base, both of whom were thrown out trying to steal second. In the sixth two singles, a steal and a double gave Minneapolis two more runs.

But two Omaha boys reached third base during the game. Sowders got there in the fourth inning on a hit and two battery errors with only one man out, but could not get home. Shannon opened the fifth inning with a long drive to center for three bases, but was run out trying to get home on Doran's slow hit along the third base line. Doran took second on the run-out, but was doubled up a minute afterwards on Cassin's out to right field.

The score:

OMAHA.

	AB.	R.	1B.	2B.	3B.	PO.	A.	E.
Burns, lf	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	1
Sowders, rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Annis, cf	4	0	1	0	0	2	0	0
Miller, ss	3	0	0	0	0	1	5	0
O'Connell, 1b	3	0	0	0	0	8	0	0
Shannon, 2b	3	0	1	0	0	5	1	0
Doran, 3b	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Cassian, p	3	0	0	0	0	0	7	2
Wilson, c	3	0	0	0	0	6	6	1
Totals	30	0	3	0	0	27	19	6

MINNEAPOLIS.

	AB.	R.	1B.	2B.	3B.	PO.	A.	E.
Kreig, c	3	1	0	1	0	9	1	0
Hawes, 1b	4	1	3	1	0	10	1	0
McCullom, cf	4	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
Patton, rf	4	2	2	0	0	1	1	0
Jevne, lf	4	0	1	0	0	3	1	0
Robinson, 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	3	0
Brosnan, 2b	3	0	1	0	0	2	3	0
Shaw, ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	3	1
Klopf, p	3	0	1	0	0	1	10	2
Totals	33	6	9	1	0	27	22	3

BY INNINGS.

Omaha	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—0
Minneapolis	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	—6

SUMMARY.

Earned runs—Minneapolis 4.
Home run—Patton.
Three-base hit—Shannon.
Two-base hit—Patton.
Struck out—Burns 2, Sowders 2, Annis, 2, Shannon, McCullom, Jevne 2, Robinson, Shaw.
Bases on balls—Off Cassian 2, off Klopf 1.
Hit by pitcher—O'Connell.
Wild pitches—Klopf 1, Cassian 1.
Passed ball—Kreig.
Left on bases—Omaha 4, Minneapolis 2.
First base on errors—Omaha 3, Minneapolis, 5.
Double plays—Miller to Shannon to O'Connell, Patton to Brosnon.
Time of game—1 hour and 40 minutes.
Umpire—Bennett.

Baltimore 5, Athletics 4.

PHILADELPHIA, April 18.—The game to-day between the Baltimores and Atletics resulted as follows:

Baltimore	0	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	*—5
Athletics	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0—4

Cincinnati 10, Kansas City 3.

KANSAS CITY, April 18.—The game between the Cincinnatis and Kansas City Americans resulted as follows:

Cincinnati	1	2	0	2	0	4	0	1	*—10
Kansas City	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1—3

This was the first game between American association teams here.

Brooklyn 10, Cleveland 1.

BROOKLYN, April 18.—The game between Brooklyn and Cleveland to-day resulted as follows:

Brooklyn	3	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	1—10
Cleveland	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—1

St. Louis 8, Louisville 0.

ST. LOUIS, April 18.—The game to-day between St. Louis and Louisville resulted as follows:

St. Louis	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	3	0—8
Louisville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—0

Will Row at Spirit Lake.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., April 18.—The executive committee of the Iowa State Amateur Rowing association met here to-day and decided to hold the regatta at Spirit Lake July 24 and 25.

The Memphis Races.

MEMPHIS, April 18.—The weather was cloudy, the track in good condition and the attendance larger than yesterday.

For all ages, three-fourths mile: Sam Harper, Jr., won, Huntress second, Bonnie King third. Time—1:16.

For two-year-olds, five-eighths mile: Sally O. won, Irish Dan second, entry third. Time—1:04¾.

For all ages, one mile: Persimmons won, Little Minnie second, Lucy Johnson third. Time—1:43.

For all ages, seven-eights mile: Surprise won, Balance second, Lida L. third. Time—1:31.

Mile and one-fourth, over five hurdles: Ten Times won, Osceola second. Surprise stumbled at the third hurdle, throwing his jockey, who was sorrely injured. Time—2:25.

Stanford's Horses Cremated.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—A fire at Palo Alto last night burned a portion of the stables of Senator Leland Stanford. The latest details show that the fire was incendiary. A very few minutes before the flames were discovered in the shed the watchman made his usual rounds and found everything in proper order. He had not reached his room before the fire was discovered, and almost before the stablemen could raise the cry the one-story wooden sheds were blazing fiercely. Every person on the farm at once made efforts to liberate the valuable racers, but the heat drove the men back and they were forced to witness the cremation of the horses without being able to lift a hand to save them. The following horses were burned to death:

The brown stallion Rexford, with a record of a mile in 2:19½ last fall, valued at $10,000; the stallion Clifton Bell, record 2:25, valued at $10,000; the stallion Kris Kringle, valued at $6,000; the stallion Howard, $5,000; the stallion Lowell, $5,000; two bay geldings, foaled in 1882, either of which could make 2:25 with ease; Norlaine, who last year beat the world's record for yearlings, making a mile in 2:31½, was badly burned and will probably be blind. He may not live. He was valued at $20,000. Cedric cannot live; value $15,000.

Several others were badly burned but will recover.

There was no insurance on the buildings or animals, and the losses will probably reach $100,000.

Kansas City Crack Shots.

KANSAS CITY, April 18.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—To-morrow at the Gun Club park, Drury Lockwood, champion of the Kansas City gun club, and Ed Bingham, of the Independents, holder of the champion cup, will shoot a match of fifty birds for the championship of Kansas City. The stakes will be $200. The cup has now been thrice won by Bingham in contests with members of his own club. Thirty single birds at 21, 26 and 31 yards rise, 10 pairs of doubles, 21 yards, will be shot by each.

THE FIELD OF SPORTS.

The Wheel Club Elections.

The adjourned regular monthly meeting of the Omaha Wheel club was held last evening at the club house, 1313 Dodge street, and the following officers and directors were elected for the current year: President, F. N. Conner; vice president, E. B. Smith; secretary, Perry Badolett, treasurer, F. N. Clark; captain, Ed. L. Lytle. Clark Redick, H. C. Creary and J. H. Lathrop were elected active members, making the membership number fifty-five.

A vote of thanks was tendered George Kosters for lettering about the club rooms.

The club is now comfortably ensconced in its new quarters, which are being rapidly furnished and will shortly be completed in all details.

Death of an Old Sport.

The sudden death of Denny Mack, the old league player at Wilkesbarre, Pa., calls to mind some of the lively days of the old Philadelphia club in 1873. Mack's correct name was Dennis McGee. He was the eldest son of Captain Dennis McGee, the famous leader of the Carbon county Bucktails during the war. Young McGee was sent to college for the purpose of being educated for the priesthood. While at school he was an apt scholar and a good ball player. He had many offers from professional clubs but refused all of them until the year before his ordination, when he had a quarrel with one of the professors and left college to join the Forest City club of Rochford, Ill. He covered first base. As a ball player, Mack was a great success. He was always gentlemanly and never known to make a kick. He was a brilliant short stop as well as first baseman, a good hitter and an excellent base runner. His work with the new Philadelphia club in 1873, with St. Louis Browns and other leading clubs afterwards as well as his ability as a manager, is well known to the baseball people of the country. Mack was always a hail fellow well met and well thought of by the profession.

How the Birds Wintered.

Notwithstanding the long and severe winter, farmers report the chicken to have wintered well, but quail were extensively frozen out. Whole covies were found frozen, and there remains but little prospect for future quail shooting, unless the country is restocked, in this state.

Piscatorial.

Some ring perch are being taken at Cut-Off lake, but the bass still decline to lure. Some big baskets are being made at Horseshoe by netters, a practice that should be strictly prohibited by law.

The Council Bluffs Team.

Following is a list of the City League Council Bluffs team: Charles Steck, catch; W. A. Bena, pitch; M. Brom, first base; Frank Harmer, second; H. K. Pettie, third; Edward Sadler, short; S. Beenwin, right field; H. Herdu, middle; R. Ely, left, and A. D. Keplinger, manager. Their new grounds will be opened by the J. J. Hardins on the 28th.

Geese on the Platte.

A hunting party of some half dozen from Council Bluffs came up from Plattsmouth last night on the B. & M., where they have been hunting for a couple of days, and report geese and ducks as very plentiful. The party bagged sixty-five of the former and about two hundred of the latter.

A Sweepstakes Shoot.

A large number of the different gun clubs assembled on the Omahas' grounds yesterday afternoon, when the following sweepstakes were shot, 25 blue rocks, 18 yards rise:

	Hit.	Miss.
Ketchun	12	11
Miller	14	11
Brewer	9	16
Kennedy	13	12
Blake	15	10
Hardin	21	4

Second Shoot—

	Hit.	Miss.
Hardin	20	5
Brewer	14	13
Miller	11	14
Ketchun	13	12

Third Shoot—

	Hit.	Miss.
Hardin	22	3
Ketchum	19	6
Brewer	16	9
Miller	13	12
Nelson	8	17
Blake	13	12

Fourth Shoot—

	Hit.	Miss.
Hardin	21	4
Brewer	19	6
Ketchun	14	11
Kennedy	13	12
Miller	15	10

The Draft Horse for Profit.

Western Agriculturalist: Draft horses stand pre-eminently at the head of the most profitable stock farm. The eastern buyers are eagerly hunting all over the west for the grade draft horses and paying splendid prices for them. We are glad to see the agricultural papers giving this year more recognition of the merits of the draft horse interest and less of the fast horse folly. The Iowa Homesteader very appropriately says:

"It is very remarkable that amid the almost universal depression in farm products, the one product that has stood firm has been that of horses; not all kinds of horses, however, but the class which the great horse raising public demands. The plug horse has been dull sale and we venture the assertion that he will never be in any better demand.

"Ask any of the eastern buyers who may be found at this season of the year in any county in Iowa that has been producing draft horses, and they will tell you that the best are scarce and it is difficult to get what they want. They can scarcely obtain horses of five years old and upward, and, not finding these, will take them at four, there or two years. The horse that is wanted is either a horse that can travel, or a horse that can pull, or a coach horse that has good action, good size and style, and well matched. We have no hesitation in saying that the horse that is profitable for the farmer is the draft. The farmer has already for farm use the mares which, when mated properly, will produce them. He has profitable work for the dam, and excepting the service, the price of the colt is nearly all drofit. Where blue grass has been introduced the cost of keeping a colt from weaning time till he is sold is less than the keep of a steer from weaning time till he goes to the butcher."

An All-Night Swim.

The name of Frank Miller, who has just reached here, says the San Francisco Examiner, on the brig William G. Irwin from the Sandwich islands, ought to be placed in the temple of fame alongside that of Leander, for he has proven that he possesses an amphibian capacity quite equal to that of the swimmer of the Hellespont. Miller's exploit was out in the Pacific ocean, and therefore cannot be measured as to distance, but its time.

Three or for months ago he left San Francisco on the whaling vessel Jacob A. Howland, which during its cruising caught two whales near the Sandwich islands. For a day or two after the killing the vessel was surrounded by sharks eager for the refuse. The vicious creatures swarmed in the wake of the vessel and crowded around her, popping their greedy heads up above the waves in plain sight of the sailors. The deck was slippery after the killing, and one evening while Miller was on the port rail forward he missed his footing and pitched headlong into the sea.

He thinks he must have floated, unconscious from the shock and from fright at the thought of the sharks, for some time. For with his first consciousness after slipping and falling he looked for the vessel, but could neither see nor hear anything of her. He knew they were not many miles from the shore of the island of Molokai, and guiding himself as best he could by the stars, he struck out in the direction which he thought would carry him to its shore. But he was swimming against the tide, and he could feel that he was making but little progress, exert himself as he might. He thought of the sharks, which only a few hours before had been clustering around the vessel, and every five minutes he imagined that one was swashing up against him, while every bright gleam of starlight upon a little wave he was cock-sure was the coldly glittering eye of a hungry shark, intent on making a lunch off him.

But morning dawned and he was still uneaten, though so weak from his battle with the waves and his continued fright that he had not the strength to climb upon a couple of planks nailed together that came drifting past him. But he caught hold of them, and managed to sustain himself still longer by their aid. A terrible thirst took possession of him, and as the sun rose higher it almost blistered his face and hands. Finally, about the middle of the afternoon, the brig Irwin came along, saw him, and picked him up. His strength was so entirely gone that he had to be lifted over the side of the boat sent after him as if he had been a baby.

Crape Used as a Signal.

A piece of crape fluttered from the head-piece of the drawbridge over the Rancocas river at Hainesport, yesterday morning, says the New York World, as the west bound train for Philadelphia approached, and the draw-tender, George Hoyle, who for a score of years has lived in the little house beside the bridge with his wife, was absent from his post.

"That's a strange signal to have on the draw," said the engineer. "Wonder what's the matter!"

Just then the train came to a halt at the end of the bridge, and from his little house staggered George Hoyle, the draw-tender, the tears coursing down his weatherbeaten cheeks, and his voice so choked with emotion that he could hardly speak.

"What's the matter, George?" asked the engineer in a kindly voice as he noticed the draw-tender's agitation.

"The matter?" said Hoyle, with a sob that shook his frame. "Well, I'm in hard luck. My wife dropped dead a few minutes ago while I stood joking with her at the door waiting for the west-bound train to signal for the bridge. I heard the train coming, but I couldn't leave her at such a time, so I just picked up a bit of crape and got some one to hang it out so you would know there was something wrong."

Just then the train started, and many were the expressions of sympathy among the passengers for the poor draw-tender, who has been a faithful employe for many years.

Wanted—By responsible party, to rent a house by May 1, of 12 to 14 rooms, on St. Mary's ave. or Farnam st. Address G 60 BEE office.

A Hermit and His Rabbits.

An old hermit of Mound Valley, Nev., has adopted a lot of jack rabbits. The man lives alone on a ranch, and devotes himself to stock-raising. As he does not try to raise vegetables the rabbits could do him no harm, and so has never tried to drive them away. They soon became very tame, and, as the jack rabbit is rather an effectionate animal anyway, they kept making more advances and trial of friendship until they and the old man have become quite sociable. When he goes out after his cows two or three dozen rabbits will come trooping along after him, leaping around him, running between his legs, and nibbling his fingers. They often invade his cabin, leap on his bed, and skirmish around after something to eat. He has taught some of the more intelligent rabbits a number of tricks, such as jumping over a bar and through a ring, walking on their hind legs, and jumping over one another like leap frog.

THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS.

Bears Make Themselves Felt in the Wheat Pit.

CORN SHARES IN THE DECLINE.

Caused by the Expectation of Large Receipts To-day—Oats Join the Downward Movement—Provisions Strong—General.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

CHICAGO, April 18.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—To-day the tumble in wheat prices was as sudden as the advance had been. The advance had been based almost entirely on the reported injury to winter wheat. To many who bore that fact in mind and watched the universal scramble to sell wheat this morning, it would have seemed that all the killed wheat had come to life, and that plowed-up fields had by some means been replaced in their original condition, yet so far as the legitimate situation is concerned and the actual value of wheat, no difference can be discovered between to-day and yesterday. Still from yesterday's highest point to to-day's lowest, there was a decline of 2⅝c in the price of May wheat. For this the foreigners were largely responsible. They had been selling futures freely in New York and here for two days past, and followed it up this morning with another flood of selling orders. These broke the hearts of the New York bulls and there was an early slump there. Here, however, there seemed to be at least one friend to wheat at the start, May wheat opening ¼c higher than last night's close, but in an instant everybody seemed anxious to sell and an immediate drop of 1⅜c followed. There were but two reactions and these only of ⅛c. The local bearish influence was the enormous selling of Cudahy, who was a big buyer yesterday and Monday, and a much bigger seller